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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, SP
SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECORATION FOR LT. GEN. SALVADOR, SAF

1. DOD HAS ASKED STATE CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSED AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT TO LT. GEN. JULIO SALVADOR DIAZ-BENJUMEA OF SPANISH AIR FORCE. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT PROPOSED AWARD WAS INITIATED IN EARLY 1974 AND THAT EMBASSY CONCURRED IN PROPOSAL AT THAT TIME.

2. DEPT ALSO NOTES THAT DAO MADRID INDICATED IN IR NO. 6 889 0035 75 THAT REPORTED SPANISH PLANS TO BUY MIRAGE III AND F-1 AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY BRIBES OR OTHER FRENCH EFFORTS TO WOO HIGH SPANISH OFFICERS. LT. GEN. SALVADOR WAS MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REVIEW PROPOSED AWARD TO LT. GEN. SALVADOR. IF DECISION IS TO GO FORWARD WITH AWARD, APPROVAL OF GOS SHOULD BE OBTAINED. KISSINGER

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